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SUBJ: DUTY-FREE IMPORTATION OF BOURBON WHISKEY IN

CIUDAD JUAREZ

REF: MEXICO'S 3204

1. SINCE THE LIFTING OF RESTRICTION ON BOURBON IMPORTS  
ON APRIL 14, ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS TO EFFECT  
THAT CIUDAD JUAREZ CANACINTRA (NATIONAL CHAMBER OF  
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY) INTENDS TO PROTEST ACTION OF THE  
INTERSECRETARIAL COMMISSION IN LIFTING RESTRICTION ON GROUNDS  
THAT IMPORTATION OF BOURBON DUTY FREE RUNS COUNTER TO  
IDEA BEHIND "ARTICULOS GANCHO" PROGRAM IN THAT BOURBON NOT  
ITEM OF NECESSITY AND WHISKEY OF SIMILAR CHARACTER PRODUCED  
LOCALLY BY TWO DISTILLERIES. CANACINTRA TAKES POSITION  
THAT THESE DISTILLERIES SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY GOM AS THEY  
PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR LARGE NUMBER OF CIUDAD JUAREZ  
RESIDENTS AND ARE SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE TAX REVENUE  
FOR GOM.

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2. LIC. JOSE MANUEL GONZALEZ MONTEJANO, PRESIDENT OF

LOCAL ECONOMIC PROMOTION COMMITTEE, INFORMED CONSULATE THAT IMPORT QUOTA OF SEVEN MILLION PESOS FOR DUTY-FREE WINES AND LIQUORS FOR SIX-MONTH PERIOD MAY 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 1975 WAS RECEIVED MAY 6 FROM INTERSECRETARIAL COMMISION. IN RESPONSE OUR INQUIRY AS TO HOW MUCH BOURBON HAS BEEN IMPORTED SINCE LIFTING OF IMPORT RESTRICTION, HE STATED THAT OBTAINING THAT FIGURE WOULD POSE CONSIDERABLE WORKLOAD FOR HIS STAFF. HE AFFIRMED, HOWEVER, THAT COMMITTEE HAS RESUMED ISSUANCE OF IMPORT PERMITS FOR BOURBON.

3. REPRESENTATIVE OF CANACINTRA EXPRESSED VIEW, AS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS, THAT INTERSECRETARIAL COMMISSION HAS TENDED NOT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF THE ECONOMIC PROMOTION COMMITTEE HERE, WITH RESULT THAT COMMITTEE'S ROLE REDUCED PROCESSING IMPORT PERMITS. CITED BOURBON IMPORTS AS CASE IN POINT, SINCE ECONOMIC PROMOTION COMMITTEE WENT ON RECORD AS OPPOSING DUTY-FREE IMPORTATION OF BOURBON. WE UNDERSTAND CANACINTRA IS NOW MAKING THOROUGH STUDY OF MATTER AND WILL DIRECT PROTEST TO INTERSECRETARIAL COMMISSION WHEN STUDY IS COMPLETED.

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